

the mayor was corrupt. Well, mayors of other cities have been corrupt. They were impeached, removed from office, and in some cases, legal action was taken. But the power of their office itself was not removed. Voters in their cities were not denied their right to elect their leaders because an outside body judged one of them to be corrupt. Things like this do not happen anywhere in America except in D.C.

Injustices in Washington, D.C. have gone on long enough. The Founding Fathers had good reasons for denying D.C. representation, but their reasons have outlived their time, and it is time to do something about it. It is time to rise above partisan differences and recognize that everyone living in the capital city, Democrats, Republicans, and all others are denied rights which are granted to all other Americans under the Constitution. It is time to exercise Article V of the Constitution and pass an amendment giving residents of Washington, D.C. their lawful rights as American citizens.

We do not dishonor the Founding Fathers when we say that one of their ideas has outlived its time. On the contrary, we honor their democratic ideals by extending liberty and justice to all. And we paraphrase the words of a man whose memorial you visited in Washington, D.C. that a government of the people, by the people, and for the people must and shall be restored to our capital city.

Thank you very much, ladies and gentlemen.

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT OF CHARLES MILLER

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 7, 2002

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, Whereas, Charles Miller has served as mayor of the village of Gnadenhutten for 30 years; and

Whereas, Charles Miller also served Gnadenhutten as a member of the Village Council; and

Whereas, Charles Miller has been a steadfast and hard-working leader and will continue to be an admired citizen of the State of Ohio; and

Whereas, Charles Miller has used his position as mayor of Gnadenhutten to help better the lives of hundreds of people; and

Whereas, Charles Miller must be commended for his professionalism and his ability to motivate those around him by establishing a superb example; and

Whereas, Charles Miller's dedication and service as mayor will be missed by the entire Gnadenhutten community.

Therefore, I join with the residents of the village of Gnadenhutten and the entire 18th Congressional District of Ohio in celebrating Charles Miller's years of service and retirement.

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION—MILA WILLIAMS BROOKS

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 7, 2002

Mr. FARR of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a public servant of the highest

degree. Ms. Mila Williams Brooks, a former Peace Corps Country Director and economic development consultant for USAID, died in Washington, D.C., on September 4 after a long but spirited battle with cancer. She was 75. As a returned Peace Corps Volunteer, I wish to take this moment to express my sympathy to her family, and to pay tribute to her extraordinary life.

An independent woman of unsurpassed energy with a remarkable sense of adventure and fun, Mila was born in Topeka, Kansas. She graduated from the University of Kansas with degrees in Political Science and French. After college, she married and had five children. In the mid-sixties Mila drove to Mexico with four young children in tow to establish a new life and offer her children cross-cultural opportunities. In Mexico, she learned fluent Spanish, attended graduate school, and hosted a radio show. In 1969, she returned to the United States and began work with the Peace Corps. In 1973, she was appointed Deputy Peace Corps Country Director in Santiago, Chile. Before returning to the U.S. in 1977, she served as an economic development consultant for the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) and as the Southern Cone regional representative of the Young Men's Christian Association.

In 1985, she was appointed Country Director of the Peace Corps in the Dominican Republic, a post she held until 1988. In 1989, she was selected as one of two Americans to work in pre-election activities in Nicaragua. Following the 1990 elections, she was selected to run USAID's democratic initiatives program in Nicaragua, a post she held until 1993. That year, again stateside, she settled in Napa, California, and continued to consult internationally.

Mila was a fiercely devoted and loving mother. Throughout her life, she had the gift of loyal and loving friends who received the great gift of her love and friendship in return. She will be deeply missed and mourned by all who knew her, especially her four children Trent, Mia, Brad and Holly and her three grandchildren Tiffany, Maxwell, and Sophie.

CENTRAL NEW JERSEY CELEBRATES THE DEDICATED COMMUNITY SERVICE OF CATHERINE S. GRAHAM

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 7, 2002

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the commitment of Catherine S. Graham to the betterment of central New Jersey.

From her first call to public service in 1957 in the clerk's office of the Mercer County Court House, Catherine Graham began a pattern of commitment to her community that continues today as a general consultant in education and human services.

Her dedication to the people of central New Jersey can be seen in her battles for quality education in our public schools, which culminated in the position of Executive Director of the Trenton Educational Development Corporation, a nonprofit agency dedicated to the advocacy of quality education and continues

to this day in her chairpersonship of the Trenton Parent Involvement Committee.

Her dedication to the people of central New Jersey can be felt in her passion for delivering quality services in welfare, public health, and social services when she was the Director of Health and Human Services for the City of Trenton.

Her dedication to the people of central New Jersey can be witnessed by her efforts in the African American community on the Board of Directors of the Trenton Branch of the NAACP, on the Board of Directors of the New Jersey State Conference of NAACP Branches and in the National Caucus of Black Women.

The service to Central New Jersey performed by Catherine S. Graham is impressive and commendable and I am proud to rise here today in her honor.

HONORING JOHNNY UNITAS AND EXTENDING CONDOLENCES TO HIS FAMILY ON HIS PASSING

SPEECH OF

HON. ROBERT L. EHRLICH, JR.

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 1, 2002

Mr. EHRLICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of House Resolution 538, honoring Johnny Unitas on his passing.

Like a lot of kids growing up in Baltimore in the 1960s, I always imagined myself playing alongside Johnny Unitas on Sunday afternoon at Memorial Stadium. Never did I imagine that, later in life, I would count the greatest quarterback of all time as a dear friend.

I first met Johnny Unitas when I served in the Maryland State Legislature. He was larger than life; an institution in Baltimore. But he never lost his unique sense of humility and kindness. He always took the time to sign a few autographs or help a young quarterback tighten his spiral.

I played linebacker at the Gilman School in Baltimore and later at Princeton University. The Chicago Bears' Dick Butkus set the standard for how to play linebacker, but Johnny Unitas set the standard for how to play the game.

He defined leadership and sportsmanship for my generation. He made the game of football what it is today. It is no surprise that the career of Johnny Unitas coincides with the popular ascendancy of professional football.

The list of his on-the-field accolades is incomparable. He won three league championships, three MVP awards, and made ten Pro Bowl appearances. He retired from the NFL in 1974 as the owner of 22 NFL records, most notably throwing at least one touchdown pass in 47 consecutive games. No player since has even come close to surpassing that feat.

Johnny Unitas is best known for his golden arm, but his greatest gift was a golden heart. He never stopped giving back to his community and his country. He established the Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Educational Foundation to help low-income kids get a college education. He was a tireless supporter of cystic fibrosis research. He and his wife Sandra fought admirably to help victims of sexual assault and domestic violence. Through charitable efforts that are bound to thrive even after his passing, his spirit of compassion lives on in the City of Baltimore and the nation.